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The TATLER.

By *Isaac Bickerstaff* Esq;

Cum pulchris Tunicis sumet nova Consilia & Spes. Hor.

From *Thursday December* 28. to *Saturday December* 30. 1710.

From my own Apartment, December 29.

ACcording to my late Resolution, I take the Holidays to be no improper Season to entertain the Town with the Addresses of my Correspondents. In my Walks every Day there appear all round me very great Offenders in the Point of Dress. An armed Taylor had the Impudence Yesterday in the Park to smile in my Face, and pull off a Laced Hat to me, as it were in Contempt of my Authority and Censure. However, it is a very great Satisfaction, that other People as well as my self are offended with these Improprieties. The following Notices from Persons of different Sexes and Qualities are a sufficient Instance how useful my Lucubrations are to the Publick.

Jack's Coffee-house near Guildhall, Dec. 27.

Cousin *Bickerstaff*,

'IT has been the peculiar Blessing of our Family to be always above the Smiles or Frowns 'of Fortune, and by a certain Greatness of Mind 'to restrain all irregular Fondnesses or Passions. 'From hence it is, that though a long Decay, and 'and a numerous Descent, have obliged many of 'our House to fall into the Arts of Trade and Business, no one Person of us has ever made an Appearance that betrayed our being unsatisfied with 'our own Station of Life, or has ever affected a 'Mien or Gesture unsuitable to it.

'You have up and down in your Writings very justly remarked, That it is not this or the 'other Profession or Quality among Men that gives 'us Honour and Esteem, but the well or ill Behaving our selves in those Characters. It is therefore with no small Concern, that I behold in 'Coffee-houses and publick Places my Brethren, 'the Tradesmen of this City, put off the smooth, 'even and ancient Decorum of thriving Citizens, 'for a fantastical Dress and Figure, improper for 'their Persons and Characters, to the utter Destruction of that Order and Distinction which of 'Right ought to be between St. *James*'s and *Milk-street*, the Camp and *Cheapside*.

'I have given my self some Time to find out, 'how distinguishing the Frays in a Lot of Muslins, 'or drawing up a Regiment of Thread Laces, or 'making a Panegyrick on Pieces of Sagathy or 'Scotch-Plod, should entitle a Man to a Laced 'Hat or Sword, a Wig tied up with Ribands, or 'an embroidered Coat. The College say, this 'Enormity proceeds from a Sort of Delirium in 'the Brain, which makes it break out first about 'the Head, and, for Want of timely Remedies, 'fall upon the Left Thigh, and from thence in little Mazes and Windings run over the whole Body, as appears by pretty Ornaments on the Buttons, Button-holes, Garterings, Sides of the 'Breeches, and the like. I beg the Favour of you 'to give us a Discourse wholly upon the Subject 'of Habits, which will contribute to the better 'Government of Conversation amongst us, and in 'particular oblige,

SIR,

Your affectionate Cousin,

Felix Tranquillus.

To Isaac Bickerstaff *Esq*; *Censor of* Great Britain.

The humble Petition of *Ralph Nab*, Haberdasher of Hats, and many other poor Sufferers of the same Trade,

Sheweth,

'THAT for some Years last past the Use of Gold and Silver Galloon upon Hats has 'been almost universal, being undistinguishably 'worn by Soldiers, Squires, Lords, Footmen, Beaus, 'Sportsmen, Traders, Clerks, Prigs, Smarts, Cullies, 'Pretty Fellows, and Sharpers.

'That the said Use and Custom has been Two 'Ways very prejudicial to your Petitioners: *First*, 'in that it has induced Men, to the great Damage 'of your Petitioners, to wear their Hats upon 'their Heads, by which Means the said Hats 'last much longer whole than they would do if 'worn under their Arms. *Secondly*, in that very often a new Dressing and a new Lace supply the 'Place of a new Hat, which Grievance we are 'chiefly sensible of in the Spring-time, when the 'Company is leaving the Town; it so happening 'commonly, that a Hat shall frequent all Winter 'the finest and best Assemblies without any Ornament at all, and in *May* shall be tricked up with 'Gold or Silver to keep Company with Rusticks, 'and ride in the Rain.

'All which Premisses your Petitioners humbly 'pray you to take into your Consideration, and 'either to appoint a Day in your *Court of Honour*, 'when all Pretenders to the Galloon may enter 'their Claims, and have them approved or rejected, 'or to give us such other Relief as to your great 'Wisdom shall seem meet.

'And your Petitioners, *&c.*

Order my Friend near Temple-Bar, *the Author of the* Hunting-Cock, *to assist the Court when this Petition is read, of which Mr.* Lillie *to give him Notice.*

To Isaac Bickerstaff *Esq*; *Censor of* Great Britain.

The humble Petition of *Elizabeth Slender*, Spinster,

Sheweth,

'THat on the 20th of this Instant *December* her Friend *Rebeccah Hive* and your Petitioner 'walking in the *Strand*, saw a Gentleman before us 'in a Gown, whose Periwig was so long and so 'much powder'd, that your Petitioner took Notice of

' of it, and ſaid, She wonder'd that Lawyer would ' ſo ſpoil a new Gown with Powder. To which it ' was anſwered, That he was no Lawyer but a ' Clergyman. Upon a Wager of a Pot of Coffee we ' overtook him, and your Petitioner was ſoon con- ' vinced ſhe had loſt.

' Your Petitioner therefore deſires your Worſhip ' to cite the the Clergyman before you, and to ſet- ' tle and adjuſt the Length of Canonical Periwigs, ' and the Quantity of Powder to be made uſe of in ' them, and to give ſuch other Directions as you ' ſhall think fit,

' And your Petitioner, *&c.*

Q. *Whether this Gentleman be not Chaplain to a Regiment, and in ſuch Caſe allow Powder accordingly.*

After all that can be thought on theſe Subjects, I muſt confeſs, That the Men who dreſs with a certain Ambition to appear more than they are, are much more excuſable than thoſe who betray, in the adorning their Perſons, a ſecret Vanity and Inclination to ſhine in Things, wherein if they did ſucceed, it would rather leſſen than advance their Character. For this Reaſon I am more provoked at the Allegations relating to the Clergyman than any other hinted at in theſe Complaints. I have indeed a long Time with much Concern obſerved Abundance of *Pretty Fellows* in Sacred Orders, and ſhall in due Time let them know, that I pretend to give *Eccleſiaſtical* as well as *Civil* Cenſures. A Man well bred and well dreſſed in that Habit, adds to the Sacredneſs of his Function an Agreeableneſs not to be met with among the Laity. I own I have ſpent ſome Evenings among the Men of Wit of that Profeſſion with an inexpreſſible Delight. Their habitual Care of their Character gives ſuch a Chaſtiſement to their Fancy, that all which they utter in Company is as much above what you meet with in other Converſations, as the Charms of a modeſt are ſuperior to thoſe of a light Woman. I therefore earneſtly deſire our young Miſſionaries from the Univerſities to conſider where they are, and not dreſs, and look, and move like young Officers. It is no Diſadvantage to have a very handſom white Hand; but were I to preach Repentance to a Gallery of Ladies, I would, methinks, keep my Gloves on. I have an unfeigned Affection to the Claſs of Mankind appointed to ſerve at the Altar; therefore am in Danger of running out of my Way, and growing too ſerious on this Occaſion; for which Reaſon I ſhall end with the following Epiſtle, which, by my Intereſt in *Tom Trot* the Penny-poſt, I procured a Copy of.

To the Rev. Mr. Ralph Incenſe, *Chaplain to the Counteſs Dowager of* Brumpton.

SIR,

' I Heard and ſaw you preach laſt *Sunday*. I ' am an ignorant young Woman, and under- ' ſtood not half you ſaid: But ah! Your Manner, ' when you held up both your Hands toward our ' Pew! Did you deſign to win me to Heaven or ' your ſelf?

Your humble Servant,

Penitence Gentle.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mr. Proctorſtaff *of* Clare-hall *in* Cambridge, *is received as a Kinſman, according to his Requeſt bearing Date the* 20th *Inſtant.*

The Diſtreſſed Son of Æſculapius *is deſired to be more particular.*

Advertiſements.

☞ The THIRD Volume of the LUCUBRATIONS of Iſaac Bickerſtaff Eſq; on a large Letter, in Octavo, being almoſt finiſhed; ſuch as pleaſe to ſubſcribe for it on a Royal Paper, to keep up their Sets, are deſired to ſend their Names to Charles Lilly, Perfumer, at the Corner of Beauford-Buildings in the Strand, or John Morphew near Stationers-Hall. Where the firſt and Second Volumes are to be delivered.

OLDISWORTH's Record-Ink Powder. Each Sixpenny Paper of 3 Ounces makes a Pint of the beſt Ink, or Quart, as by Directions, ſealed up. Sold by the Stationers of London and Weſtminſter.

THis is to give Notice, That there is an extraordinary Remedy for the STONE and STRANGURY, which lately cured a Gentleman that had for three Days a total Suppreſſion of Urine, who in half an Hour after he had taken it made above a Gallon of Water. It likewiſe brought away thirteen Stones from one, and nine from another, (who both live near Temple-Bar). To be had only of Mr. Rogers at the Sun in Fleet-ſtreet, and of Mr. Aylmer at the Three Pidgeons in Cornhil, Bookſellers, at 5 s. the Paper, with printed Directions.

AT the Dial, up one Pair of Stairs, againſt Young Man's Coffee-houſe, Charing-Croſs, Morning-Gowns for Men and Women, of all Sorts of rich Brocaded Silks, Japan'd Sattins, and ſtriped Thread Sattins, and great Variety of other rich Silks, Stuffs, and Callico-Gowns, being a freſh Parcel of choice Goods taken in Execution, and to be ſold at very low Rates, beginning on New Year's Day next, the Prices being ſet on each Gown.

ALL Gentlemen and Ladies are deſired to take Notice, That the Gown-ſhop at Mrs. Attaway's, in Devereux-Court, in the Paſſage from the Temple to Eſſex-Buildings, having met with very great Encouragement, deſign to continue ſuch a vaſt Choice of the cleaneſt and moſt proper Silks, &c. made into Morning Gowns, that all Fancies and Sizes may be fitted at the loweſt Rates.

ALL Perſons who for themſelves or Friends, having red and grey Hairs, would have them dy'd or turn'd black, or dark-brown Colour, will find entire Satisfaction, as a great many have already, in the Uſe of a clear Water found out by Mr. Michon, and is to be ſold at the ſaid Mr. Michon's, Goldſmith, at the Crown and Pearl in Grafton-ſtreet; at P. Varenne's, a Bookſeller, at Seneca's Head near Somerſet-houſe in the Strand; at the Rainbow Coffee-houſe beyond the Royal-Exchange in Cornhil; at Hen. Riboteau's at the Crown over-againſt Exeter-Exchange in the Strand; and by A. Bell at the Croſs-Keys and Bible in Cornhil.

FOR Sale by the Candle, on Wedneſday the 10th of January next, at Lloyd's Coffee-houſe in Lombard-ſtreet, at 4 in the Afternoon, about 36 Tuns of new excellent French (Prize) Claret, freſh, deep, bright, and of a moſt curious Flavour, of the beſt Growths, and of the very laſt Vintage; 5 Puncheons of French (Prize) Brandy, 4 Tuns of new French (Prize) White Wine, extraordinary good; 28 Barrels of new ſuperfine Pruants, and 22 Cheſts of very good Soap; the entire Cargoes of two French Prizes brought into Dartmouth by Capt. Daniel Naſtell of Guernzey, now in the Cuſtody of Mr. Tho. Plumley, Merchant, in Dartmouth aforeſaid: And there ſhall be expoſed to View and Taſt the aforementioned Wines, Brandy, Pruants, and Soap, till the Time of Sale. Catalogues ſhall be timely diſperſed. To be ſold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane.

AT the Widow Pratt's Coffee-houſe in Cateaten-ſtreet, by St. Lawrence's Church near Guildhall, is kept a faithful Office of Inſurance on Marriages and Births, in both which are two Subſcriptions, one of 5 s. which intitles every Inſurer to 500 l. and the other of 2 s. 6 d. which intitles them to 250 l. and as many as inſure in both are intituled to a Claim of 750 l. In the Marriages, any Perſon may enter upon three Months; and in the Births upon ſix Weeks, or two Months. The Propoſals at large, which are to be had at the Office gratis, will convince any Body of the great Advantages of ſubſcribing herein. Conſtant Attendance is given.

THE famous Chymical Quinteſſence of Bohee-Tea and Chocolate together, the firſt of that Kind ever made, in which are eſſentially inherent the true Virtues of both Tea and Nut, inſomuch that a few Drops of it gives more Nouriſhment than 20 Diſhes of either, and is therefore the higheſt Reſtorative in Decays of Nature, conſumptive Habits, inward Weakneſs, Waſtings and Coughs, Aſthma's, Poorneſs of Blood, &c. Invigorating and Strengthening Nature beyond all Food or Phyſick. Sold at 5 s. the Bottle at Mr. Lawrence's, Toyſhop, at the Griffin, the Corner of Bucklers-bury, Poultry.

* * The Moſt Noble Volatile Smelling-Bottle in the World, which ſmell'd to, Momentarily fetches the moſt diſmal Fainting or Swooning Fits, and in a Minute removes Fluthings, Vapours Dulneſs, Head-Ach, Megrims, &c. It takes off all Heavy Sleepineſs, retards Swoonings, keeps up the Spirits to a Miracle; and by its Uſe admits of no Faintings, but invigorates and enlivens the whole Man, recreates and makes chearful although never ſo ſad, and in a Moment raiſes all the ſenſitive Faculties. It's alſo to be taken inwardly by Drops, which effectually takes off and eradicates the very Cauſe; for it potently relieves, comforts and ſtrengthens the Brain, creates and corroborates a Stomach, removes Sickneſs from it, helps Digeſtion, cleanſes the Blood; and in a Word, is the greateſt Cephalick, Stomatick, Hepatick, and powerful Aromatick poſſible; therefore is extream neceſſary for all Gentlemen, Ladies, &c. always to be carried in their Pockets. Is only ſold at Mr. King's, Picture-ſhop in the Poultry, and at Mr. Overton's at the Golden Buck, Picture-ſhop, againſt St. Dunſtan's Church in Fleet-ſtreet; at 2 s. 6 d. each, with printed Directions.

THE Royal Beautifier; or the greateſt Coſmetick in the World: Being the moſt incomparable Thing in Nature for the preſerving and reſtoring a good Complexion: It even to a Miracle fortifies the Skin againſt Wind and Sun, and makes ſuch as are pale and wan, look freſh and lively, and have a charming Countenance. It certainly takes away Freckles, Spots, Pimples, Scurf, Morphew, and Sun-burning; and miraculouſly makes the Complexion plump, freſh, ſmooth, and delicately fair, even to Admiration. It having met with great Applauſe amongſt Perſons of Quality and others; ſo that Perſons daily reſort from all Parts of the Town to fetch it. To prevent Counterfeits, it is only ſold at Lemery's Head, a Chymiſt's, at Charing-Croſs, at 2 s. 6 d. per Pot, with Directions at large.